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FORMER INDEPENDENCE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Independence, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing and reproducing for distribution child pornography.

Eugene Borkowski, 53, formerly of Independence and currently a resident of Brooksville, Fla., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to all three counts contained in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on June 30, 2004, in Kansas City.

By pleading guilty, **Borkowski** admitted that he reproduced child pornography for distribution on Dec. 9, 2003, and that he possessed child pornography on Dec. 17, 2003.

Additionally, **Borkowski** agreed to a forfeiture count of the indictment, which requires him to forfeit to the government all of the child pornography alleged in the indictment, as well as a Hewlett-Packard Pavilion laptop computer and two external hard drives.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Borkowski** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$500,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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